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AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 1, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

No additional claim fee is due in connection with the filing of the present amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1-7 as follows:

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--1. (Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:  
an imaging optical system for forming an image of an object on an  
imaging surface;